

**ROUGH DRAFT
TOWN OF DUNE ACRES
COUNCIL MINUTES
April 17, 2007**

The Town of Dune Acres Town Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2007 at the Town Hall. President John Wilhelm called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Councilpersons Ben Bolton, Louise Roberts, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Sherry King, and Attorney Allan Mindel in attendance. John Wilhelm opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Louise Roberts moved that the minutes for March 20, 2007 be approved with corrections. Ben Bolton seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved as corrected.

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF February 28, 2007:

Porter Bank - Checking	\$ 229382.69
Horizon Bank 90 Day CD	\$ 57349.23
Chase Bank - Savings	\$ 133945.68
Record Balance	\$ 420677.60

Ben Bolton moved that the financial report be accepted as presented and filed for audit. Louise Roberts seconded, and the financial report was accepted unanimously.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Louise Roberts moved that the vouchers for April in the amount of \$22,416.03 be paid. Ben Bolton seconded and the motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

J. Eric Dietz – Department of Homeland Security – Fire Prevention Inspection
E-mails from Chumans and Bombergers on winter road conditions

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FIRE:

John Wilhelm gave a brief summary of the e-mail that Rick Demkovich received on the fire prevention inspection performed at the Clubhouse on March 6, 2007. There will be a written report mailed to the town.

Louise Roberts reported that she attended a Census Workshop. It was an informative session for the 2010 census.

MUNICIPAL CODE: Bill Nixon

Town code book has been in use for 5 months. Next event is updates, corrections & changes.

ROADS/ENGINEER: Irv Call

Irv reported that the snow plowing invoice was as he expected. He also reported there was a \$1,900 savings in heating the Clubhouse after winterizing this year from last year.

PARKS: Kellie Klein

She and Cheryl Evans are preparing for the Town Clean-up. She asked whether she should have the park sprayed for sticky weeds. John Wilhelm said that as the Park Commissioner she should do what she determines is necessary. She will do further research and get back to the council.

CLUBHOUSE: Ben Bolton for Rick Demkovich

He is applying for an entertainment permit. There is a need for parking attendants for the Clubhouse when it is rented.

BUILDING: John Sullivan

The Melon drywall inspection is done. Hull foundation progressing. Quinn's at end of East pretty well framed.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE: Mike Konopacki

Mike reported that the park benches and tables are being used by skate boarders. Asked if something could be erected for the skate boarders. Council said further study needs to be done. He has side rails for the truck.

POLICE: Cecilia Call

Nothing new to report. She and Irv just returned from trip abroad.

ENVIRONMENT: Cheryl Evans

Town Clean-up set for Saturday, May 5th. Same as last year – no dumpster. There was a donation from the DACIF for Environment. Cheryl wants to use it to remove a cotton tree. The Council told her it was hers to do as she chooses. Oriental Bittersweet Grant balance is \$5358.49. She has also put in for a \$40,000 grant for the Clubhouse. John Wilhelm and the council thanked Cheryl for all work she has done to remove weeds. She has been at it day and night.

WATER: Ben Bolton

There is still rusty water on Crest. Terry Atherton IAWC Regional Manager has promised a new main for this summer. There was a suggestion of running hose from the fire hydrants to the most effected homes. IAWC would prefer tubing be used to deal with backflow.

FOURTH OF JULY: Linda Swoger

There was a meeting Sunday – have some volunteers, need more. Fire works will be Saturday, July 7th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ben Bolton made a motion to have second reading of Ordinance 2007-1 "An Ordinance Amending the Town Code of Dune Acres Indiana, Section 34 – Article II Regarding "Parking and Vehicle Operation."" Lou Roberts second. Passed unanimously.

John Wilhelm read Ordinance 2007-1 "An Ordinance Amending the Town of Dune Acres Indiana, Section 34 – Article II Regarding "Parking and Vehicle Operation."" Lou Roberts moved to approve Ordinance 2007-1 "An Ordinance Amending the Town of Dune Acres Indiana, Section 34 – Article II Regarding "Parking and Vehicle Operation."" Ben Bolton second. Passed unanimously.

There will be a copy of the ordinance with a letter put in every town resident's mail box.

SIGNS: Jeff Swoger

Jeff Swoger brought the final proposal before the council. Ray Tittle and Bob Hartmann will stain and install the posts. The council thanked Jeff and Linda Swoger for their efforts.

Lou Roberts moved to accept the Sign Committee's suggestions for new signage in Dune Acres. Ben Bolton second and the motion passed unanimously. Monies to come from the Local Major Moves revenue.

It was agreed that the commissioners would be in charge of getting a list of volunteers to the Clerk's office for insurance purposes.

NEW BUSINESS:

It is election time again. John Wilhelm, Beverly Hubbs, and Ben Bolton will not run again. The council encouraged residents to take the opportunity to contribute to their town by running for office.

Real estate assessment: the council urged everyone to file an appeal if they disagree with their assessment.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Sherry King asked the council to consider moving the Clerk's office to the Town Hall.

John Wilhelm noted that Tim Haas of Haas Engineering was not present, although he had been invited to make a presentation on how the PASER system would improve the winter driving conditions of our roads. Mrs. Chuman stated that her Ad Hoc Citizen's Road Committee survey was mailed to only the three Council Members and not to the Town residents, as she thought the Council wanted to review the survey. The Council misunderstood her intentions. It should be noted that since the Ad Hoc committee was not appointed as an official Town Commission, no approval or review by the Council was needed.

Regarding road funding, John Wilhelm stated that it is the Council's position to direct all excess funds toward the renovation of the Clubhouse and not toward roads at this time. Summer road maintenance, repairs and new paving will continue as in past years. He thanked Drs. Charles and Mary Chuman for their generous offer to the Dune Acres Civic Improvement Foundation, Inc. to pay for the PASER Road Evaluation Report. However he and the Council felt that major road improvements were not their top priority at this time. He hoped that once the Clubhouse project was completed, future money could be directed toward roads and a PASER analysis might be useful at that time.

Cheryl Evans read a statement of her and her husband's concerns about the work being done at the Richardson's Wildlife Sanctuary. They were seeking information concerning approval and building permit application. The council referred them to the Plan Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

JOHN WILHELM, Town Council President

LOU ROBERTS, Town Council Member

BENJAMIN BOLTON, Town Council Member

Sherry King, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

